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(57) Abstract: Methods are disclosed for diagnosing inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), one exemplar method of which includes determining whether a sample is positive for anti-flagellin antibodies (AFA), diagnosing the presence of IBD when the sample is positive for AFA, and diagnosing the absence of IBD when the sample is negative for AFA. Alternatively, instead of testing for positivity with respect to AFA, or in addition thereto, an exemplar method can determine whether the sample has an AFA level above an AFA cut-off value (X); and diagnosing IBD when the AFA level is above X, and diagnosing absence of IBD when the AFA level is below X. Test kits that include items used to carry out the disclosed methods are also disclosed.